

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 219

BY SENATORS MILLS AND CHABERT

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize Congress to encourage that the design and construction of the Vito development in the Gulf of Mexico occur in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Vito is a deepwater oil exploration development covering four blocks in the Mississippi Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico located one hundred fifty miles southeast of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Shell Offshore, Inc. announced that it will develop this site, the construction of which will include the fabrication and construction of eight subsea wells with deep in-well gas lift; and

WHEREAS, the Vito development is expected to reach a peak production of approximately one hundred thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day and has an estimated recoverable three hundred million barrels of oil equivalent, which represents a significant contribution to oil production in the Gulf of Mexico and to the nation's energy needs; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the second largest oil producer in the country and plays an essential role in supplying the nation with energy; and

WHEREAS, the historical and important role that the state has played in the oil industry has provided Louisiana with the expertise and critical infrastructure necessary to support the design, construction, and maintenance necessary for a project as large and technologically advanced as the Vito development; and

WHEREAS, because of its size and location, the Vito development will play a large role in the economy of the state and will rely on the waterways, ports, pipelines, and design and construction companies located in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Shell Offshore, Inc. should give priority to businesses and resources located in Louisiana for the Vito development so that it may contribute to Louisiana's economic development and to the nation's energy infrastructure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize Congress and the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress to take such actions as necessary to encourage that the design and construction of the Vito development in the Gulf of Mexico occur in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE